

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on June 26, 2012 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Michael Rell, Vice Chairperson
John Maycock, Clerk
Cynthia Greenblatt
Paul Courchaine, Alternate
Douglas Ovian, Alternate

Members Absent: Mark Raymond
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on June 28, 2012.

APPLICATION NO. 4069-12. Giovanni and Antonella DiCenso seeking to install vinyl siding on the garage and install five (5) replacement windows at 211 Middletown Avenue.

Antonella DiCenso, 211 Middletown Avenue, appeared before the Commission. There are eight windows to be replaced, but only four have public view. She will be replacing the two windows in the front and the two on the side. She will be using Silverline 8500 vinyl windows with grid between the glass. The same windows have already been approved on a previous application. The windows will be 6/6 to replace the 8/8 windows to match the rest of the house. She will also be siding the garage to match the house. She will use 4" Mastic double-lap siding in Tuscan Olive. Shutters will be removed from the garage.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4070-12. Kathy Berube seeking to replace the wood garage door with a steel garage door at 277-279 Hartford Avenue.

Kathy Berube, 125 Farms Village Road, Rocky Hill, appeared before the Commission. She would like to replace the existing wood garage door which has windows on the top with a steel garage door. It is in the back of the house with an attached shed. The garage faces Avalon. It is a single two-car door. The steel door would have no windows and just a couple of handles. It will be white in color. The current door has raised panels.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4071-12. Dan Keaveny seeking to construct a 12'x16' shed at 127 Garden Street.

Dan Keaveny, 127 Garden Street, appeared before the Commission. A photo was submitted. It is a standard wood 12'x16' shed. The shed will be facing Church Street. The back of the shed will face Garden Street. It will have 3 total windows and asphalt architectural shingles that are cedar in color. It will be a minimum of 6" off the ground. There will be no ramp. It will be 20' or 30' from the property line.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4072-12. Great Meadows Conservation Trust seeking to change the gate design and rout a sign into the gate at property on Hartford Avenue.

Kristin Stearley, 505 Silas Deane Highway, and Charles Stewart, 416 Hartford Avenue, appeared before the Commission. There will be two gates that open out. Each gate will be 66". It will be similar to the existing gate, but there will be a removable stanchion in between the two gates instead of one gate. They will rout "Great Meadows Conservation Trust EB Wolfe Parcel" into the boards.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Charles Stewart, 416 Hartford Avenue, spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Maycock, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications and open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Ovian

APPLICATION NO. 4069-12. Giovanni and Antonella DiCenso seeking to install vinyl siding on the garage and install five (5) replacement windows at 211 Middletown Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

1. The windows shall be 6/6 to match the Silverline 8500 windows as stipulated on Certificate of Appropriateness number 4034-12 dated April 25, 2012.
2. The siding on the garage shall match the siding and trim stipulated on Certificate of Appropriateness number 4034-12 dated April 25, 2012.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that the applicants are making it all uniform.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is actually an improvement over what the Commission had approved with all of the windows being uniform.

Commissioner Greenblatt stated that she agrees. All of the windows will be the same.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Ovian

APPLICATION NO. 4070-12. Kathy Berube seeking to replace the wood garage door with a steel garage door at 277-279 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's not the ideal garage door but it doesn't face the street either. There is public view from Avalon Place. It's a minimal impact. They are very paintable.

Commissioner Ovian stated that it's very difficult because as they age, they do wear and there is almost nothing you can do to take care of them.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Ovian

APPLICATION NO. 4071-12. Dan Keaveny seeking to construct a 12'x16' shed at 127 Garden Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Greenblatt and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application a submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that we saved the best for last on this one.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a beautiful wood shed. He has no issues with it.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Ovian

APPLICATION NO. 4072-12. Great Meadows Conservation Trust seeking to change the gate design and rout a sign into the gate at property on Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Greenblatt and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this gate is barely visible to anybody. It's a plain wooden gate.

Commissioner Ovian stated that the Trust has been conscious of trying to install features to blend in with the District.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Ovian

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Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Greenblatt and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the June 26, 2012 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Greenblatt ABSTAIN: Rell, Ovian

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Greenblatt and a poll of the Commission, a slate of officers for the term of July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 was presented as listed: Robert Garrey – Chairman; Michael Rell – Vice Chairman; John Maycock - Clerk.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt, Ovian, Courchaine

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

Kristin will be on vacation next week. If anyone has any issues, they can contact the Building Department. The application deadline for the next meeting has passed and all applications are prepared for the next meeting. At the next meeting, the handbook will be discussed.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Greenblatt, Courchaine

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Clerk